

- CHAFEE HOUSE -

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CHAFEE HOUSE

Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

Owner: Mrs. Harry L. Charee.

Date of Erection: Built before 1784; enlarged after 1784 probably about 1810, added to twice after 1840. Erected for Peter Carnes about 1780, on "The Hill."

Present Condition: Very well kept up. The house has been altered and added to leaving not much more than the core of the original structure, but the main roof line and dormers are the original and the old kitchen, a separate building in the rear remains un-altered. (According to Mrs. Charee). Formal garden at back retains original design.

Number of Stories: One story at front over high basement completely above ground in rear; and attic.

Materials of Construction: Frame construction, exposed brick foundation piers at rear of house.

Other Existing Records: Records by P. Thornton Marye, District Officer, HABS 1934. Garden History of Georgia compiled by Loraine M. Cooney.

Additional Data: Owned by Howard descendants up to about 1840 when it passed into possession of Daniel Wilcox, formerly of Conn., who retained ownership up to shortly before the Civil War. Bought from him by Mrs. Emmeline Few Thomas, granddaughter of Mrs. Hannah Howard, Willed by her to her niece,

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Additional Data, Cont'd.

a descendent of Mrs. Hannah Howard, Maisie Chrystie, whose first husband was A. DeWitt Cochrane, of New York, and who, after his death, married Harry L. Chafee. North side widened **first** by Daniel Wilcox and later widened six more feet (by the Cochranes) and chimney on that side moved to outside wall. Interesting wood mantels from 18th and early 19th Century added by Mrs. Chafee. One showing Greek Revival influence from Phinzy house in Athens Georgia. Two with fluted columns from old Turpin House, near Augusta Ga., and one late 18th century mantel in south bedroom, main floor, having unusual basket or stylized flowers in center and narrow vertical fluting on shelf edge from Gray House, near Edgerfield S.C. References on Historical data, Mr. Jacob Lowrey, Augusta, Georgia.

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